



Leek County First School



Autumn Newsletter 2017

Welcome back to this new school year! I hope you have all had a wonderful summer holiday. A special welcome to our new Reception children and their families, the children have made an excellent start to school, getting to know the other children and easing into daily school life. With regards to the older classes, their transition to their new class and teacher has gone well.

In school we will do everything we can to help your child achieve their best. Let us know if we can support you in any way. If you have any concerns or need support or advice, please feel free to book an appointment with me or your child's class teacher.

Mr Allbutt

Here are a few reminders:



Illness - We do appreciate that your child will be poorly from time to time and they will need to stay at home so it is important that you contact the school office before 10.00 am on 01538 714905. If we are unable to answer your call, then please leave a message.

If the School Office is not aware of why a child is absent then a courtesy call from the office will be made in order to ascertain why your child is not in school. Many thanks for your continued support with this matter.

Can I remind all parents that it is vital that we have all the correct up to date contact information. In case of an accident or incident parents **MUST** be contactable at all times. If you have new details could you please make sure that a change of details form is completed, forms are available from the school office.

Leave of Absence - Parents are reminded that due to Government laws, leave of absence for the purpose of holidays in term time can no longer be granted, except in the most exceptional circumstances. A **leave of absence request form** must be completed for any time off during term time; these can be found in the reception area. If you choose to take your child on holiday in term time without permission, this may result in the issuing of fixed penalty fines of up to £120 per parent, per child by the local government.

Head lice - Please ensure you check your child's hair regularly and treat accordingly to help stop incidents of head lice spreading in school.

Earrings - Due to health and safety regulations, earrings are not to be worn in school.



Medicines

We are happy to administer medicine to your child, **only under the circumstances of when this has been prescribed by your Doctor**. The medicine must show the pharmacy label clearly stating the child's name and dosage required. It is imperative that you obtain a form from the office advising us what time and how much of the medicine is required. It would also be helpful if you would complete the section with regards to the anticipated finish date of the medicine.

Asthma

If your child is prescribed an inhaler for asthma or any other medical reason, please notify the school office immediately and **ensure inhalers are sent into school**. We also have a form in school that you will need to complete. This enables us to keep our records accurate and ensures the class teachers are aware of any warning signs and treatment required should your child.



Parking - As you are aware, the school has no parking facilities. Our priority is the safety of the children. Can I please request that parents adhere to the parking restrictions. Please do not park on the yellow zigzags outside of school and please respect our neighbours by not parking in Dairy Close.

Year 3 and Year 4 - Dinner Money - Dinners are charged at £2.25. The school office will accept either cash or cheque as payment for school dinners. Cheques are to be made payable to: Staffordshire County Council. Please write your child's name and class on the back of the cheque.

You can pay dinner money daily, weekly, monthly or termly, the office will provide you with a weekly update of how much money is left in credit or is outstanding.

Can we please request that any money that is sent into school is in a sealed envelope/purse that is clearly marked with your child's name and class.



KS1 receive a free piece of fruit each day. KS2 children can bring a piece of fruit each day if they wish to have at break time.

Milk is also available to all classes at 20p each.

****We no longer supply water bottles for sale - Please ensure you send a water bottle in with your child.****

Fitness Friday - Fitness Fridays will continue to take place each Friday with Premier Sports coming in to teach the children some new sports skills.

Reminder to parents: Fitness Friday uniforms, Plain white t-shirt, dark sports trousers, trainers & Fitness Friday Hoodies.

We also look forward to seeing you at the family fitness sessions each Friday morning at 8.00am.



Afterschool Clubs - We are offering all the clubs listed below free of charge.

All clubs take place 3.30pm until 4.30pm. Should your child wish to attend, please call in the office for a permission slip.

Tuesday	Year 1 & Year 2	Multi-skills (variety of games & activities) - All children
Wednesday	Year 3 & Year 4	Sports Club (variety of different sports) - All Children
Thursday	Year 2, Year 3 & Year 4	Sports Club (variety of different sports) - Girls Only

**Diary Dates
2017-2018**



Macmillan/P.A.T.C.H coffee morning	Tuesday 26th September 2017
Holiday - Monday 23rd October 2017 - Friday 27th October 2017	
Inset Day (School closed for children) - Monday 30th October 2017	
Children back to school	Tuesday 31 st October
Children photographs (Tempest)	Monday 6 th November 2017
(KS2) New Vic Theatre - Treasure Island	Monday 11 th December 2017
(KS1) Buxton Opera House - Sleeping Beauty	Tuesday 12 th December 2017
Last Day of term	Tuesday 19 th December 2017
Holiday - Wednesday 20th December 2017 - Tuesday 2nd January 2017	
Children back to school	Wednesday 3 rd January 2017